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Atlantis Launch Set No Earlier Than Friday



NASA is targeting Friday, Sept. 8, as the possible launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis. Mission managers will meet at noon CDT Thursday to assess a fuel cell problem that was discovered prior to the previously scheduled Sept. 6 launch of Atlantis. A news conference, to be broadcast on NASA

Television, will follow the meeting. Lift-off would be Friday at 10:41 a. m. CDT.

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NASA Tests Parachutes for Ares I, Orion



NASA engineers recently completed a series of tests that will aid in development of the parachute recovery system for the first stage booster of Ares I and for Orion, the newly named crew exploration vehicle. Ares I, the crew launch vehicle that will carry Orion to

space, is managed by the Exploration Launch Projects Office at the Marshall Center.

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Barbara Stone-Towns Named NASA's 'Cost Estimator of the Year'



Barbara Stone-Towns has been named NASA's Cost Estimator of the Year. A senior cost analyst in the Engineering Cost Office at the Marshall Center, she was recognized for excelling in the technical merits of cost

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estimating. Cost estimators ensure the data requirements, which help define a project's specific technical and engineering needs, are as complete as possible in order to build accurate cost estimates.

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Y2K Bug a Distant Memory, but Chandra Remains a News-Maker



Since 1999, a lot of things have come and gone – the Y2K bug, a slew of boy bands and a new Star Wars trilogy. But NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, which delivered its first images just a few months shy of the new millennium, continues to make headlines seven years later. The Marshall Center manages the Chandra program.

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